

ASHTON GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

17.10.2025



Messages from Teachers

Reception

Reception Nativity Performances

We wanted to give you plenty of notice for the Reception class performances of "Wriggly Nativity". Please make a note in your diary - we're excited to start learning the songs after half term!

Ladybirds - Friday 5th December 2.20pm

Caterpillars - Monday 8th December 2.20pm

Dragonflies - Wednesday 10th December 2.20pm

Bumblebees - Thursday 11th December 2.20pm



Threadworm has been reported in reception, please check and treat your child accordingly.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

Year 2

A reminder to year 2 parents next week we will be making our DT project and constructing a ferris wheel and thank you for all the cardboard boxes and plastic containers we've received so far! Our deadline for bringing this in is Monday.

Year 3

Upcoming Year 3 Ancient Britain Day - **Home projects due Tuesday 21st October**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Year 3 Team are very excited about our upcoming Ancient Britain Day next week on Tuesday 21st October. Please can we remind parents and carers that the Home Learning Project linked to this learning is due on this day and will be showcased to peers throughout the day. Please contact your class teacher with any enquiries.



Parents Evening

EY & KS1 11th & 13th November 2025

KS2 10th & 12th November 2025

Bookings will be made via Arbor 'Guardian Consultation' and will be available to book from 7am 20th October 2025



Year 2 enjoyed a zumba session this week thanks to Amy. We enjoyed moving our bodies and learning why it's important to keep active. We love having parent volunteers, so if you or anyone you know have a skill or area of learning you would like to share in school please contact your child's teacher.



NUT FREE SCHOOL



Please remember we are a nut free school. This includes items such as chocolate spread that may contain nuts and Pesto

LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE ensure your child's name and class is written on the label of their school clothes and items ; this will ensure a swift delivery back to them!

There is an increasingly large number of unnamed school jumpers, fleeces and coats so we are unable to return them to the correct owner.



P Parking on Greenway Bush Lane

One of the residents on Greenway Bush Lane has reported that their driveway is being blocked by parents parking across it at the start and the end of the school day. If you travel by car, you are able to park in Aldi Car Park who are the school's Park and Stride partner if there is nowhere else to park. Please do not block residents driveways. Thank you for your support with this.



Ashton Site Bike Week Golden Lock Box – Monday 20th – Friday 24th October 2025

Cycle to school from Monday 20th – Friday 24th October 2025 and you might win a prize!

If you find the golden bike lock on your bike during this week, you are a lucky winner and can claim a prize from the lucky dip Golden Lock Box in the Ashton office.



Ashton Gate Primary School Illustrations!



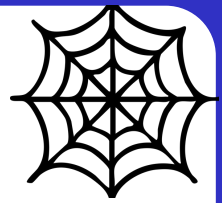
Thank you to Kate Gunn for her wonderful Ashton Gate illustrations. Her personalised designs will be used on our posters, presentations and newsletters.

We hope you enjoy them.

Thank you Kate!



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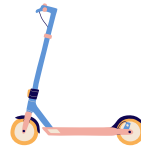


Year 2 'Bikoween' Bling Your Bike/Scooter - Friday 24th October 2025 BLING YOUR BIKE or SCOOTER COMPETITION

Decorate your bike or scooter in Halloween themed fancy dress to win prizes!

To enter simply decorate your bike or scooter and bring it into school on Friday 24th October 2025! Judging will take place in the assembly that day by guest judges from the School Active Travel Team at Bristol City Council!

Bike and scooter prizes up for grabs!



Dr Bike Mechanic - 23rd October 2025 (Upton Road)

The Dr Bike mechanic will do a **FREE** thorough safety check and carry out minor repairs to ensure bikes are road worthy. This service is open to both parents and children.

What Dr Bike should be able to do: fix punctures, adjusts breaks, tune gears and deal with minor problems such as replacing cables or brake blocks.

What Dr Bike can't do: fix broken or bent frames and wheels, carry out major repairs or replace significant missing parts.

What to do if you are interested:
Please complete this form - <https://forms.gle/18SzjQAdAVCkPtnTA>.



Life Cycle

Windmill Hill,
Bristol

October half term
Bikeability
Level 3



Bikeability Holiday Courses

Unlock your child's cycling potential!

Cycling confidence, road safety, and planning skills –
taught by Life Cycle's qualified, DBS-checked instructors.

Scan to
book



Book now!

<https://bit.ly/48Ai378>

Registered Charity Number: 1077575



GIVE A GIFT THIS FESTIVE SEASON

THERE ARE
**800 CARE EXPERIENCED
YOUNG PEOPLE FROM BRISTOL.**

SOME OF THEM WILL HAVE NOTHING
TO OPEN THIS YEAR.

HELP US BRIGHTEN THEIR DAY BY
GIVING THEM A GIFT THIS WINTER.

- PLEASE CHOOSE A TAG FROM THE TREE.**
THIS IS WHO THE GIFT IS FOR.
- PURCHASE THE GIFT ON THE TAG.**
PLACE IT IN A GIFT BAG, WITH THE TAG.
(HEALTH & SAFETY)
- RETURN THE GIFT TO THE
'GIVING TREE'.**
COLLECTIONS FROM 5TH-29TH NOV.

Bristol Parent Carers are hosting two free online information sessions for families to attend with Bristol City Council.

Getting Started (21 Oct, 7pm)

This friendly online session is for families wanting to understand how things work. It covers how school, health and social care can help, how to work together, and where to start in accessing help. The session includes a Q&A segment with questions sent in advance.

🔗 Book your free place:
<https://bit.ly/supportforyourchild>

Reception Transition (22 Oct, 7pm)

This online workshop focuses on supporting your child's move into Reception with Sarah Swann (Early Years Inclusion Team at Bristol City Council). There will be practical tips for families, ideas and signposting to local help and services.

🔗 Book your free place: <https://bit.ly/4qaoDdy>

Bristol Parenting Groups

- Are you pregnant or a parent of a 0 - 8 year old?
- Would you like to add ideas and skills to your parenting toolbox?
- Would you like to develop more confidence in your parenting?
- Would you like to understand your child better?

Free groups for adults run by Bristol Children's Centres

Scan here to find out more and register your interest!

Your parenting toolbox:

- Listening
- Play
- Praise
- Nurture
- Empathy
- Connection

For more information please call: **07721 311 497**
or email: pssso@bristol.gov.uk


Once you have registered your interest via:
www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups we will be in touch to find the best group option for you.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK COMPETITION

Yunex Traffic is looking for school children to design, create & submit entries for a road safety sticker, which will be displayed on their fleet vehicles around the UK during Road Safety Week which is 16th-22nd November 2025.

This is in support of BRAKE's Road Safety Week Campaign, with the focus this year on "Road Safety".

Be Bright and be Bold! How might Yunex Traffic products and services help?

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- For Primary and Preschool children only Closing date for entries is Wednesday 22nd October
 - Judging and schools notified of the winning entry during **Road Safety Week**.
 - Collect your template from your teacher or the office.
 - Submission of entry grants permission to take the design and create stickers for Yunex Traffic fleet vehicles, and use for sales & marketing purposes

PRIZES:

Voucher for the winning entry designer and a copy of your sticker!
Equipment for schools.
The winning entry will be transformed into a vehicle sticker!





PTA News



PTA Film Night – Save The Date

We're pleased to announce our first event of the new term with our Ashton Gate Film Night, which will be held on Friday 14th November.

More details to follow in next week's newsletter, so for now pop the date in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you all there.

PTA Meeting

First off, we want to say a HUGE thank you to the parents that came along to our recent PTA meeting. It was fantastic to see some new faces at our get together, during which we run over our plans for the coming academic year, including our Christmas and Summer Fairs, Quiz night and School Discos. We'll publish the dates as soon as we have confirmed them with the school, so keep an eye out over the coming weeks.



Harvest Collection

As we approach the harvest season, we have a great opportunity to come together as a school community and support those in need by collecting donations for the South & East Bristol Foodbank. They provide emergency food services in locations around the city, including in our community. They're part of In Hope, a charity based in Bristol that runs various projects to assist people in need, and also part of the national Trussell Trust network, which helps provides food to those who are struggling across the country.

What to Donate

The foodbank is always in need of a variety of non-perishable foods, household and toiletries items. Below is a list of the most needed items currently:

Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Potatoes, Deodorant, Soap

Nappies, Instant noodles, Crisps, Tinned Meat or Veggie Meals, Shampoo, Washing Up Liquid, Rice, Pasta, Tea bags, Instant coffee, Tinned beans, Tinned Veg, Tinned soups

UHT Milk, Biscuits,

Golden Rules for Donations

Before you gather your donations, please remember these important guidelines:

1. ****It has to be in date**** - Please check expiration dates and dispose of any items that are past their best.
2. ****It has to be unopened**** - Please only donate items that are sealed and unused.
3. ****It has to be long-life**** - The Foodbank can only accept items which don't require storing in a fridge.

Your kindness and generosity will go a long way in ensuring that our local foodbank can continue to support those who are struggling. Thank you for your support and for helping us make a positive impact in our community.

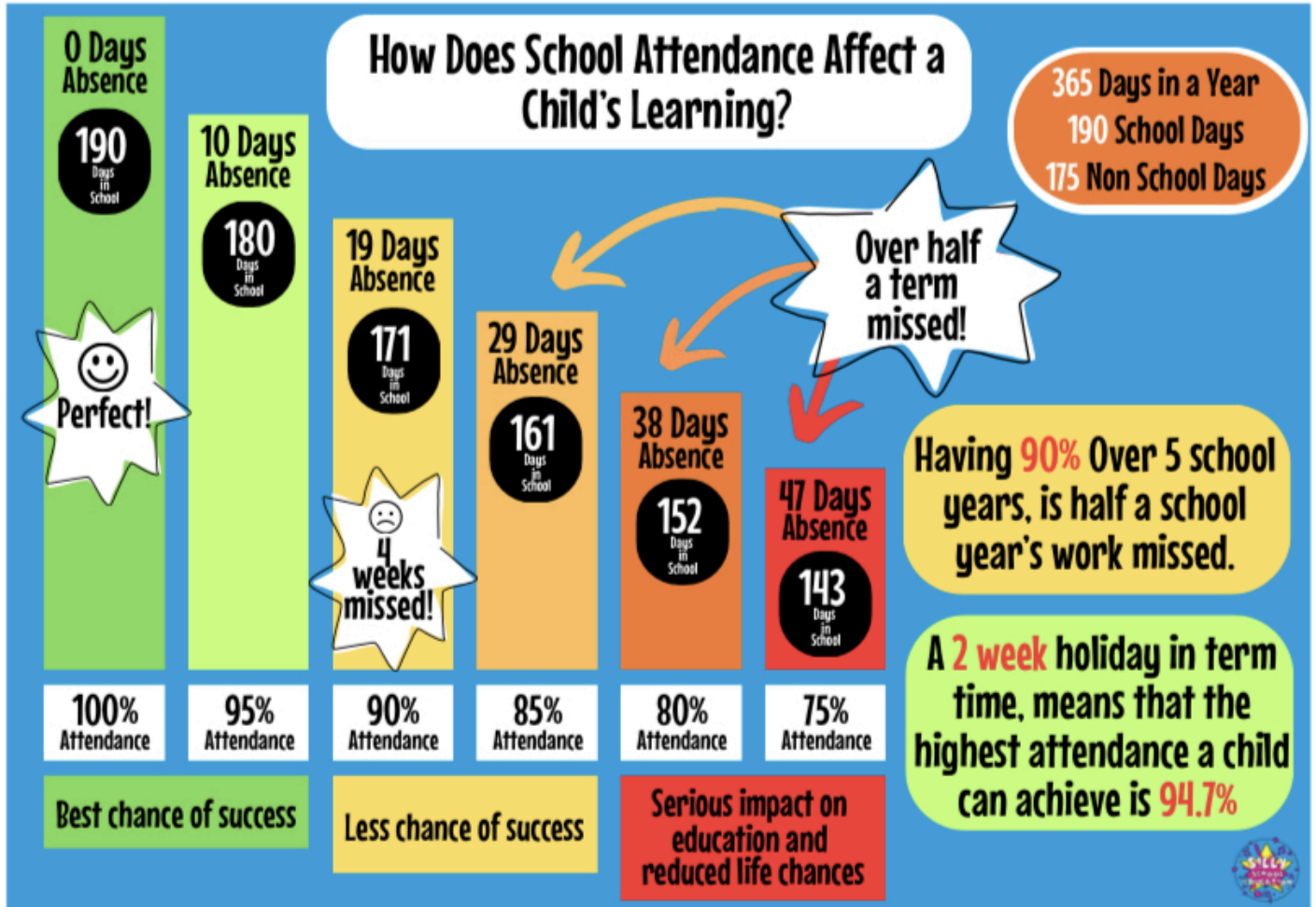
Donations will be collected on Monday 20th October.



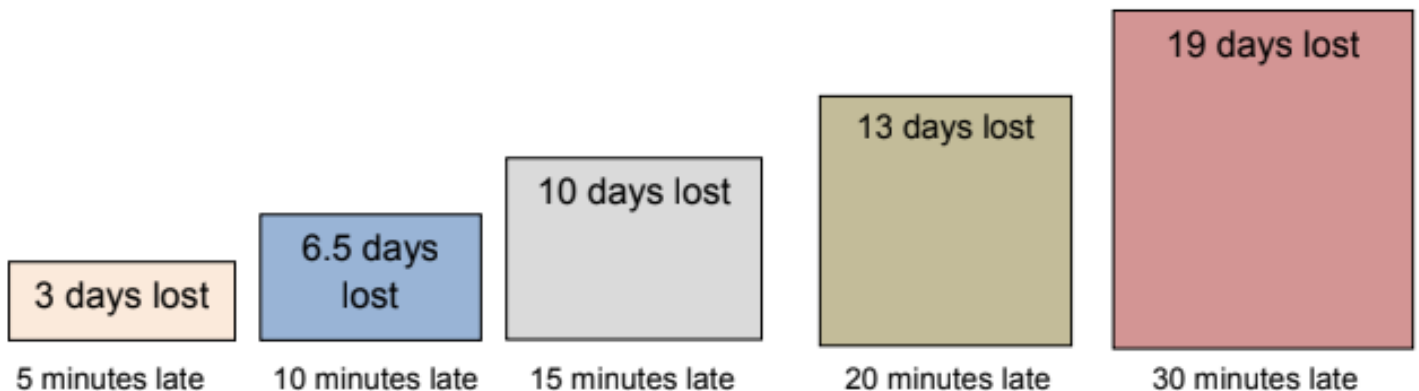


Attendance at Ashton Gate Primary School

Regular school attendance is one of the best ways to help your child succeed. When children come to school every day, they keep up with their learning, build confidence in their skills, and develop good routines that set them up for the future. Every day at school matters—it helps your child stay on track and get the most out of their education.



It is also important to arrive at school on time. If a child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school every day over a school year adds up to lost learning time over one academic year.



Lunch Ordering

Please remember to order your child's lunch before 10pm on a Wednesday. If your child only has a meal once a week, you will still need to book this.

We are still having a lot of children who do not have a lunch booked with no packed lunch. Please remember the default meal is always salad bar. No other option will be available.

Please remember not to order a school lunch if your child is on a school trip, where a packed lunch is required. If you have already booked a meal for this date, the meal can be cancelled by the payer until midnight on a Wednesday for the following week. As all food is pre-ordered there will be no refunds issued for non-cancelled meals.

Recording Absences



Studybugs is no longer in use

Please record any illnesses/medical appointments using the Arbor parent portal app.

For planned absences please complete the online form on the attendance page of our website.



Social Media



We are now on Facebook. Please like our page, we will be using this page to celebrate events and learning moments taking place across the school. We encourage you to invite other parents and family members to join as well, so that too can be part of our vibrant school network.

Rest assured, our Facebook page will prioritise the privacy and security of our children. We will follow all the necessary precautions and guidelines to protect identities and ensure a safe online environment.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092199529256>

Term Dates and Inset Days 2025 to 2026

Term Dates 2025 to 2026

Term 1: 2 September 2025 to 24th October 2025

Term 2: 3 November 2025 to 19 December 2025

Term 3: 5 January 2026 to 13 February 2026

Term 4: 23 February 2026 to 2 April 2026

Term 5: 20 April 2026 to 22 May 2026

Term 6: 1 June 2026 to 22 July 2026

Inset Days 2025 to 2026

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 26th September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 2nd February 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

